

Remarks. No claim is amended. A preliminary amendment conforming the claims to the elected groups will be filed in this case shortly.

The examiner has required applicants to elect from two separate groups as follows:

Part I. Cell type

- (a) macrophage
- (b) thymocytes
- (c) dendritic cell
- (d) monocytic THP-1 cell activated with IFN-gamma, and
- (e) MHC class II+ thymic dendritic cell

and;

Part II. Physiology or development

- (a) cellular calcium influx
- (b) chemoattractant response
- (c) cellular morphology modification response
- (d) phosphoinositide lipid turnover response
- (e) antiviral response
- (f) immunological response
- (g) inflammatory response in the thymus
- (h) inflammatory response in the gastrointestinal tract, including colon and intestine

The examiner has further required applicants to elect a species set forth under part III, below:

Part III. Agonist or antagonist

- (a) TECK polypeptide
- (b) agonist that is an antibody, including Fv, Fab, Fab2, monoclonal and polyclonal antibody

- (c) non-antibody, non-TECK polypeptide agonist
- (d) antagonist that is an antibody, including Fv, Fab, Fab2, monoclonal and polyclonal antibody
- (e) a specific non-antibody antagonist

Applicants herein elect the following groups and species:

From part I: **(a) macrophages.** Claims 1, 2 and 7-31 read this element.

From Part II: **(h) inflammatory response in the gastrointestinal tract, including colon and small intestine.** Claims 1-6, 8, 12, 13 and 15-31 read on this element.


From Part III: **(d) antagonist that is an antibody, including Fv, Fab, Fab2, monoclonal and polyclonal antibody.** Claims 1-19 and 21-31 read on this element.

Conclusion:

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain to be addressed in connection with this Requirement, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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